Madison County Montana LEPC

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Minutes March 21st, 2019

EOP Review: Fire District Review

Call to order: 1801

Approve minutes from January 17th, 2019: Motion made by John Bancroft, Boice Atkinson 2nd, no discussion, all in favor,

motion to approve minutes passed.

Introductions: list of attendees (see enclosed roster).

1. Committee Reports:

DES: PCSR have started picking up. As of 1 Mar open burning has been activated for county. 39 permits purchased 30 burns activated. Do not let your responders take pictures of incidents with their personal cell phones. FEMA report "We have failed miserably at preparedness", Mobile Motorola (CDM 1550 – CDM 1550LS), Northern Rockies Coordinating Group Guide to dealing with private resources. 27 Jan Grass Fire Sheridan Kearney Lane, 28 Jan Tanker Fire south of Norris, 6 Feb Sheridan Fire Gas Detector Training – 7 Feb Sheridan Gas Call, 7 Feb SAR Joint Meeting (both valley teams!!!), 9 Feb Garnet Mine Tour, 9 Feb Town Pump Ennis Fuel Leak, 9 Feb start of the Jefferson ice jams, 21 Feb Homeland Security GETS Meeting, 21 Feb Madison County Fire Chiefs Meeting, 22 Feb Hwy 84 Fatality, 23 Feb DNRC Sawyer Certification S-212 Wildland Fire Chain Saws, 27 Feb Livestock Incident Hwy 41, 28 Feb Deputy DES Interviews 1 Mar Truck Incident Hwy 84 small diesel leak, 8 Mar DNRC IMT TNG, 13-14 Mar Fire Adapted Montana Workshop: develops new ideas, connects people, and shares strategies. Public outreach/Education (grants to assist with outreach), learning, collaboration of information, Homeowner and Community Risk Reduction, Fire Information, Prevention. First go at it Big Sky Wildfire Preparedness Day (Pony), 15 Mar Chimney Fire Sheridan, 20 Mar COAD

<u>Communications:</u> We did receive a confirmation from the 911 administrator of Montana that we received our 275K grant for the updating of our CAD system. We are going to start putting together some RFP's. I have a good idea already of what system I want, but we want to see what else is out there and have everything we are looking for. The money has to be spent by Oct 19. This is very good news for the county! Varney Cut-off road will be closed from now until December due to the old Varney Bridge being replaced.

<u>GIS:</u> the 911 dispatch grant it sounds like it was approved. All the details are not in yet. But at first glance it sounds like this grant will not pay for any general labor. This was the majority of what I intended this grant be used for. We should find out soon if I was awarded the whole grant if I can push those hours over to contracted services. There is allot to be figured out but things are looking food.

<u>Public Health:</u> (Joe Brummell) she just returned from Salt Lake City, we have to go back again this weekend for a surgery. She wanted to let you know that the flu and strep throat are going around. Please continue to vaccinate and wash your hands!

Sheriff: Not available.

<u>Forest Service</u>: Things are pretty quiet this time of year for the Forest Service. We have hired our seasonal workers already for our fire crews for the upcoming fire season. I think we have 3 new personnel and the rest are returning crews from last season. We have pictures of our new engine that exists somewhere. It is not in Ennis yet but hopefully will be prior to the season starting. We have a few burns coming up this spring. One early next week will be in the Upper Ruby burning some old piles. We have a new permanent person coming to the Fire Crews Larry Lee, coming to us with a solid background.

Bob Fry: Leaning back to the IMT Training we are working at the state level for our qualifications and task books complete to help meet the all hazards approach. Once we complete the proposal we will send that out so you can distribute it. The idea is to get it to the wildland conference in Bozeman and the DES forum in Helena to get as much feedback as we can. The idea is to get local participation in each district to assist with all hazard incidents. We are also pushing for a mobilization process to help cover some of the costs to get mobilized on a deployment in the state or out of the state. A good example of this would be the MSU facility roof collapse. We had a substantial mobilization by MSU to help operate the ICS. The mobilization was mostly by MSU personnel. I was called by Patrick, I took the opportunity to get the call to give a little bit of help. If we would have done it a couple days earlier we could have received some more opportunities to get some folks to help and receive some much needed experience. The incident was a considerable economic impact for MSU and Bozeman. We missed some opportunities from the planning and logistics side, even on the operational side to get some people some good experience. If you just do the training and never mobilize you miss some great opportunities on handling incidents.

Big Sky: Construction.....everywhere... Our stations are under construction, forcing 3 of us to share 1 office. This makes getting anything accomplished extremely difficult. Spanish Peaks Lodge the largest private structure to be built in Montana is ramping up just short of 600k sq. feet. This summer close to 450 people will be working on this one project. We have been working with them on their EAP along with some crane rescue training. The whole private firefighting resources has been revving up over the past 5 yrs. or so. Last week we officially rolled out the Fire Adapted Montana. This is a group of people that are a part of a national network that come together and share ideas and resources.

Madison Valley Medical Center: For about a month now there have been signs up warning people that visitors coming in that there is flu in the area, children are not allowed to visit patients. I have been in touch with Jason Mahoney from Billings for some training about a day in a half. I have talked with Sean Christensen and have asked they come when the weather is a little nicer to conduct fire extinguisher training for the employees.

Ruby Valley Medical Center: Thank you to the Madison County Sheriff's Office for assisting us with the active shooter training we had. Tomorrow we have some training on a mace called reflex. This can be only used with a special kind of wipe. We are going to be keeping this in the ambulance and at the hospital and clinic for employee safety. We are still looking for a couple more paramedics for the EMS side.

<u>Town of Sheridan:</u> We went out for bid for the new well. Some quotes will be coming back around the 28th of this month. There is such a large review process with the government. So we are looking like the well will go in around April with the pipeline going in sometime between Jul – Sep. But we are looking at another summer without water.

<u>HVFD:</u> We have had our fair share of semi wrecks. We have already exceeded last year's calls so far this year alone. We are getting ready to receive a new truck from Gallatin Gateway Fire. That will be a great asset to our department.

<u>VCRVFD:</u> Hopefully this summer we can get our doors widened. They are currently at 10 ft. We have our annual cakewalk fund raiser coming up on April 6th. Try and make it if you can.

<u>Plans:</u> Our planning director retired last Friday. There is a gentlemen on deck but won't be here for another month. He is coming from the Flathead area. The commissioners wanted me to plan on to you about the new structure being

worked on at the Ennis Airport with a designated by for fire storage. They want me to encourage you to put a truck there.

Ennis: Nothing to report.

2. Old Business:

- EOP Annex Review adoption of changes (Base Plan)
- Public Health Strategic Stock Pile Plan Review LEPC Approval
- Vice Chairman Election
- LEPC 2019 Calendar Year Meetings 3rd Thursday (Fire Chiefs Meetings 3rd Thursday starting Feb?)
- EOC Table Top Exercise Tentative Date May 16th 2019 (Planning Committee)
- COAD/CERT Spontaneous Volunteer Management Annex to County EOP
- State Legislature; House Bill 125, LC0633, HB 28, SB 72 (last year's session)

3. New Business:

- ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) ARRL (American Radio Relay League)
- Tier 2 Reports
- EOP Annex A Communications Plan Adoption of Changes
- NOAA 2019 Spring Flood Press Release-Sandbags
- Structure Failures MSU campus
- Pipeline Association for Public Awareness Pipeline Members https://pipelineawareness.org/stakeholder-resources/pipeline-member-directory/
- GETS (Government Emergency Telecommunications Service)
- Wise River SAFER Project Grant Update
- USDA Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP): provides benefits to livestock producers for livestock death in excess of normal mortality caused by adverse weather or by attacks by animals reintroduced into the wild by the Federal Government.

https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/disaster-assistance-program/livestock-

indemnity/index?utm medium=email&utm source=govdelivery

- Beware Meth Lab Waste
- Public Health: All Hazard Transportation Plan LEPC Approve and Signature, motion made by Toni James to approve and sign, 2nd made by Lynda Holt, no discussion all in favor motion to sign approved and passed.

4. Training/Meetings:

- March 27th 2:00pm SAT Trailer TNG (Dispatch Comms)
- March 20th 9:00am Sheridan Fire Burn TNG
- April 9th 1215pm Big Sky Interagency Fire Meeting Lone Peak Brewery
- April 10 11th ADLS Billings
- April 13 14 8:00am DNRC Basic Wildland TNG
- April 26 28 Harrison EMT/Fire Academy
- April 26 28 Wildfire Leadership Conference Bozeman
- May 4th Big Sky Wildfire Preparedness Day
- May 8th Integrated Warning Team (Flooding) Bozeman
- ICS-300- Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents April 3-4, 2019 St. Vincent Healthcare- Billings POC- Dave Nordel 406-237-3757 or <u>David.nordel@sclhealth.org</u>
- ICS-400- Advanced ICS April 18-19, 2019 09:00-16:00 DES Office- Lame Deer POC- Theresa Small 406-477-6914 or ghostlandwoman@yahoo.com
- Cascade County CERT Training April 24-26, 2019 08:00-17:00 on Wed. and Thurs, 08:00-13:00 on Fri.—Register
 not later than March 31, no cost for the training Cascade County DES Training Room POC- Jenny Watson 406403-1454 or jennyeddington@hotmail.com

- 5. Next LEPC meeting May 16th (after EOC Exercise) 2019 1800 Alder Fire Hall
- 6. Next Fire Chief April 18th 2019 1800 Sheridan
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